



Attorney Docket No. PAT-1540

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nita
Title: Device and Method for Supporting Placement
of a Therapeutic Device in a Blood Vessel
Appl. No.: 10/730,421
Filing Date: December 8, 2003
Examiner: P. Vrettakos
Art Unit: 3739

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 Other _____.

b. Enclosed:

- Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

- Affidavit(s) / Declaration(s).

- Information Disclosure Statement

- Other: _____

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2. Miscellaneous:

- Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c)
for a period of _____ months.

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3. The filing fee is calculated below (RCE fee required):

| | <u>Claims As Amended</u> | <u>Previously Paid For</u> | <u>Extra Claims</u> | <u>Rate</u> | | <u>Fee Totals</u> |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|-------------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e) | | | | X \$790 | = | \$790 |
| Total Claims: | | 20 | 0 | X \$50 | = | |
| Independents: | | 3 | 0 | X \$200 | = | |
| Statutory Disclaimer fee | | | | X \$130 | = | \$ |
| Extension of Time fee | | | | X \$120 | = | \$ |
| SUBTOTAL: | | | | | = | \$790 |
| [X] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above): | | | | | = | \$395 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE: | | | | | = | \$395 |

A check in the amount of \$395 for filing fee is enclosed.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the above-identified document is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313--1450 on:

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